TITLE 3. DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DIVISION 4. PLANT INDUSTRY. CHAPTER 1. CHEMISTRY. SUBCHAPTER 1. FERTILIZING MATERIALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will conduct a public hearing at the time and place noted below to consider adoption of regulations intended to clarify the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 856 (Ch. 257, Stats. Of 2009) pertaining to the scope of organic input material.

DATE: April 25, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: California Department of Food and Agriculture

Main Auditorium 1220 N Street

Sacramento, California 95814

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the hearing on April 25, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

As noted in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published on March 8, 2013 in the California Regulatory Notice Register, 2013, 10-Z, p. 391, any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may also submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to CDFA. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2013. Please refer to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for instructions in regard to submitting written comments.

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SECTIONS AFFECTED

Proposed amendments to Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 2302, 2304, 2304(b)(1), 2304(d), 2322, and 2322.3. The Department also proposes to add the following sections to Title 3, Division 4, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations: 2320.3, 2320.4(a), 2320.4(b), 2320.4(c), 2324, and 2325.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Food and Agriculture, pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 14, 401, 407, 14502, 14591, 14601, 14621, 14622, 14623, 14628, 14631, 14641, 14642, 14651.5, 14655, 14681, 14682 of the Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), and to implement, interpret, or make specific Sections 14528, 14532, 14533, 14550.5, 14557, 14558, 14583.5, 14591, 14601, 14611, 14523, 14631, 14641, 14642, 14651,14651.5, 14652, 14655, 14661, 14681, and 14682 of the FAC.

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Please direct requests for copies of the notice of public hearing, notice of proposed rulemaking, proposed text of the regulations, the initial statement of reasons, the modified text of the regulation, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to Maria Tenorio Hicks at the above address.

AVAILABILTY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

Copies of the Notice of Public Hearing, Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulations in underline and strikeout can be accessed through CDFA's website at: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/Regulations.html